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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 3 FIRST WORD)

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. AIRPORT SECURITY IN MALAYSIA IS SPOTTY. INCOMING INTERNATIONAL PAAKS

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X GO THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS CONTROLS, BUT ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO SPECIFIC SECURITY CHECKS. TRANSIT PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECT TO NO CHEKCS, BUT ARE KEPT SEGREGATED FROM OTHER PASSENGERS. IT IS DIFFICULT, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR UNSCREENED PERSONS TO MINGLE WITH TRANSIT PASSENGERS.

2. OUTGOING INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECTED TO SEARCHES OF HAND BAGGAGE AND BODY SEARCH BY METAL DETECTOR. THESE

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SEARCHES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL AIRLINES AND ARE NORMALLY CARRIED OUT BY CONTRACTOR SECURITY PERSONNEL.

3. INTERNAL PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECT TO NO CHECKS.

AN ANOMOLY IS THAT THE K.L-SINGAPORE FLIGHTS ARE TREATED AS
INTERNAL IN SOME WAYS, AND SECURITY IS PARTICULARLY LAX
ON THESE FREQUENT AND HIGH-VOLUME FLIGHTS.

4. MALAYSIA HAS NOT RATIFIED THE 1970 HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL
CONVENTIONS. DCM RAISED QUESTION OF RATIFICATION AT
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON SEPTEMBER 3 AND RECEIVED PROMISE
THAT MATTER WOULD BE LOOKED INTO. COLOMBO PLAN CIVIL
AVIATION ADVISER TELLS US THAT THESE CONVENTIONS ARE
IN A PILE OF TEN UNRATIFIED CIVIL AIR AGREEMENTS GOM
HAS NOT GOTTEN AROUND TO. HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE
GOM COULD NOT EVENTUALLY RATIFY.

5. WE HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF HOME
AFFAIRS MINISTRY NEXT WEEK FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF SECURITY
AND TERRORISM. WE WILL TAKE UP FURTHER QUESTION OF
AIRPORT SECURITY AT THAT MEETING.
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